

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 • 7:59 a.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Edward H. Redd

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM.

The Committee and staff introduced themselves.

1 . Uses of State Targeted Response (STR) to Opioid Crisis Grant

[12b-STR Grant Overview](#)

Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), Department of Human Services, introduced the grant.

Brent Kelsey, Assistant Director, DSAMH, provided an overview of the grant.

VaRonica Little, Grant Administrator, DSAMH, continued the overview, explanation and goals of the grant with input from Mr. Kelsey.

Rep. Ray requested clarification of the report.

Mr. Kelsey clarified and continued conversation with Rep. Ray.

Ms. Little provided an overview and explanation of the projects currently underway.

There was continued discussion, explanation, and clarification between Rep. Ray, Mr. Kelsey and Ms. Little about the needle exchange program and the medication assisted treatment part of the program.

Ms. Little continued with information about recovery support services.

Rep. Chavez-Houck shared her concern for age demographics and requested more information and explanation of the causes and data presented. Mr. Kelsey responded and there was continued discussion between Rep. Chavez-Houck, Mr. Kelsey and Ms. Little.

Rep. Ward shared information about the issues in his clinic. He also brought up markers kept during emergency room visits to monitor the statistics of overdose there. There was continued discussion between Mr. Kelsey and Rep. Ward about what is being done to improve prevention.

Rep. Thurston asked a question about slowing the flow of people coming into drug dependency. Mr. Kelsey shared ways that this is being addressed. Rep. Thurston and Mr. Kelsey continued their discussion.

Rep. Redd shared his experiences and requested some explanation about determination for treatment. Mr. Kelsey mentioned that individual evaluation is important and continued an explanation and discussion with Rep. Redd with input from Ms. Little.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes for the morning and afternoon of Oct. 18, 2017.
The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. K. Van Tassell

2 . Human Services Impact from Juvenile Justice Reform

[13a-H.B. 239 Authority to Transfer Funds](#)

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced the presentation.

Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, shared information about juvenile justice reform services including specific details about the treatment possibilities.

Rep. Ray asked for an explanation from line item changes in HB 239 and use of the funding. Ms. Williamson responded. Rep. Ray also asked about the accountability of the funding and Ms. Williamson responded. Ms.

Williamson introduced Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Human Services.

[13b-Juvenile Justice Reform Impact Report - 1-23-2018](#)

Ms. Moore discussed the data and some results of HB 239.

3 . General Session Overview

[4-Calendar 2018 - Social Services Subcommittee](#)

Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed the overview.

[5-Consensus Funding Reduction Items \(green\) 1-22-18](#)

Ms. Lence continued explanation of the information.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to take all the consensus reduction items from the sheet entitled "Consensus Funding Reduction Items" dated 8:50 AM 1/22/2018 and put the money on a list for future internal reallocation subject to approval by the Executive Appropriations Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-10

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. K. Van Tassell

4 . Budget Reduction Options (gray sheet) - #81 & 82

Mr. Frandsen explained how the funding sheets are structured including the difference between ongoing and one-time funding.

Rep. Ray clarified that voting is not taking place today but that notes taken today are a valuable tool for the future voting. Mr. Frandsen explained what the reductions mean beginning with #81 and #82, both related to the State Endowment Fund.

Rep. Redd requested clarification about the previously mentioned funds. Mr. Frandsen replied. There was discussion between Rep. Redd and Mr. Frandsen with input from Rep. Ray and Sen. Christensen.

5 . Motions for Subcommittee Consideration (blue sheet) - #1A and Section 6

Mr. Frandsen discussed the items involved using examples from the document.

6 . Social Services 101

Mr. Frandsen discussed the budget information relating to the Department of Health from the draft Base Budget Bill.

Ms. Lence explained items of the bill relating to the Department of Human Services.

Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, LFA, explained the budget information relating to the Department of Workforce Services from the draft Base Budget Bill.

7 . Base Budget Introduction and Tools for Looking at Base Budget

[10-Linked Social Services Base Budget Bill \(HB0007\)](#)

8 . Overview of the Base Budget as Compared to Prior Years

Mr. Frandsen explained changes from 2017 for the top five funding sources for agencies in the committee's purview.

[11a-Health - Line Item Performance Measures FY17 Report FY18 Updates](#)

Joe Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health, discussed the issue of gonorrhea in the State and funding to address it.

Sen. Escamilla asked a question about process and when this issue would be declared a crisis. Dr. Miner responded with the procedures involved. There was continued discussion.

Rep. Ray asked for clarification of why the number of therapy services for traumatic head and spinal injuries therapy services decreased by one half but the number of clients served increased.

Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health, discussed services provided.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services, explained several items involved in the department's base budget performance measures.

Rep. Redd requested clarification on the item presented and Mr. Brasher requested that the question be reserved for another time. Mr. Brasher continued with the items with some questioning from Chair Ray.

[11b-Human Services - Line Item Performance Measures FY17 Report FY18 Updates](#)

Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), discussed the items relating to the document and introduced Kathy Bounous, General Counsel, DWS, and also introduced what the department has been doing. He transitioned to performance measures currently in operation.

Rep. Ward shared a concern from some constituents that are blind and/or deaf that since USOR has moved to DWS, these individuals don't feel that their voices are as readily heard by the department. Rep. Ray and Mr. Pierpont responded to that concern.

9 . Base Budget Introduction and Tools for Looking at Base Budget

Ms. Lence explained the tools available to the committee on different sites and how to use them by sharing some specific examples.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 AM